



Department of

Children's Services

Child and Family Services Review

Let's get ready!

Putting the pieces together...



CFSP, APSR, CFSR...

CFSP: The CFSP is a “strategic plan” that sets forth a state’s vision and goals to strengthen its child welfare system. The plan is submitted to the Children’s Bureau every 5 years and reported on each year in order to receive federal funding.

APSR: Provides annual updates on the progress made toward the CFSP. Completion of the APSR satisfies the Federal regulations by providing updates on a State’s annual progress for the previous fiscal year and planned activities for the upcoming fiscal year.

CFSR: A review process including an assessment and case reviews for the Children’s Bureau to monitor state child welfare programs and compliance with federal regulations.

Child and Family Service Reviews (CFSR)

- CFSR enables the Children's Bureau to:
 - ✓ Ensure conformity with federal child welfare requirements
 - ✓ Determine what is happening to children and families as they are engaged in child welfare services
 - ✓ Assist states in enhancing their capacity to help children and families achieve positive outcomes

Outcomes and Systemic Factors

Outcomes:

- Safety
- Permanency
- Well-being

Systemic Factors:

- Statewide Information System
- Case Review System
- Quality Assurance System
- Staff and Provider Training
- Service Array and Resource Development
- Agency Responsiveness to the Community
- Foster and Adoptive Parent Licensing, Recruitment, and Retention

Child and Family Service Reviews (CFSR)

- The Children's Bureau provided States with an option to conduct their own case reviews and Tennessee has selected to do the "state conducted" approach.
- The CFSR is a two-stage process:
 1. The Statewide Assessment
 2. Onsite Case Reviews

Information from the assessment and case reviews will form our Program Improvement Plan (PIP).

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For the Statewide Assessment:

- The Children's Bureau sends the state a data profile that contains aggregate data on the state's foster care and in-home services population.
- The State evaluates their outcomes and systemic factors on the data profile with program staff and community partners through focus groups and interviews.

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For the Onsite Case Review:

- The state develops a sampling plan, training, and a quality assurance system in preparation for case reviews.
- The State conducts case reviews using the Onsite Review Instrument (OSRI) and submits results to the Children's Bureau.

When will the case reviews be in my region?

Date	Region
April 3 - 6, 2017	Smoky Mountain
April 24 - 27, 2017	Davidson County
May 8 - 12, 2017	Upper Cumberland
May 22 - 25, 2017	South Central
June 5 - 8, 2017	Mid-Cumberland
June 26 - 29, 2017	Southwest
July 10 - 13, 2017	Tennessee Valley
July 24 - 28, 2017	Northeast
August 14 - 17, 2017	Shelby County
August 28 - 31, 2017	Knox County Region
September 11 - 14, 2017	Northwest Region
September 25 - 28, 2017	East Tennessee

Case Review Information

Current Plan: A total of 120 CFSR cases will be reviewed (ten each region). Of those 72 will be custodial and 48 will be non-custodial.

- Custodial Cases: Each region will review **six** with a review window of the previous 12 months at the time of review.
- Non-custodial Cases: Each region will review four with a review window of the previous 12 months at the time of review.

Program Improvement Plan

- The results from the Statewide Assessment and Case Reviews will determine the Program Improvement Plan (PIP).

Based on data from 2015 the PIP will most likely be around:

- Placement Stability
 - Maltreatment in Foster Care
- Re-entry to Foster Care in 12 months

How can we prepare our cases NOW?

- Documentation!
- Visitations occur according to policy.
- Focus on placement stability.
- All assessments are integrated into family plans.
- Show how family connections are preserved in case work.
- Timeliness of initiating investigations of child maltreatment.
- Families receive services and are connected to community partners.
- Show family involvement in case planning.
- What other ways can we prepare?

Want to learn more?

- The CFSR manual and other guides may be found on the CFSR portal.



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Information Portal

Link to: <https://training.cfsrportal.org/resources/3105>

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